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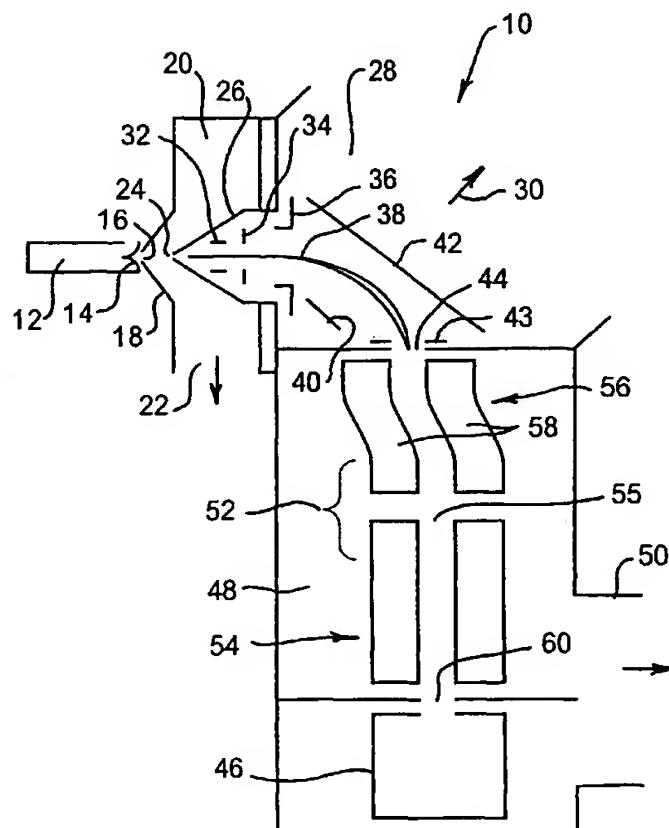
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(54) Title: MASS SPECTROMETER INCLUDING A QUADRUPOLE MASS ANALYSER ARRANGEMENT



(57) Abstract: A mass spectrometer (10) having an ion optics system (32, 34, 36, 40, 42) in a first vacuum chamber (28) which diverts ions travelling in a first direction from a source (12, 16, 24) through an angle such that neutral particles and photons from the source continue in the first direction and are removed. The diverted ion beam (38) is then directed into a quadrupole mass analyser arrangement (52) in a second vacuum chamber (48) which comprises a configured, for example curved, set of fringe electrodes (56) followed by a linear mass analyser (54) and then an ion detector (46). The configured fringe electrodes (56) again divert the ions prior to their passage into the linear quadrupole mass analyser (54) whereby additional neutral particles possibly created by passage of the ion beam through residual gas in the vacuum chambers (28, 48) are shielded from entering the linear mass analyser (54). The use of the configured set of fringe electrodes (56) in front of the linear mass analyser (54) has been found to substantially reduce background count rates, particularly for detection of isotopes of low atomic masses.

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B. FIELDS SEARCHED

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DWPI and JAPIO} quadrupole; electrode; divert + or

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C. DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT

Category*	Citation of document, with indication, where appropriate, of the relevant passages	Relevant to claim No.
X	US 5939718A (YAMADA et al) 17 August 1999 Abstract, col. 8 lines 16-39, figs 11, 12	1-6, 8, 10, 11-14
X	US 3473020A (BRUBAKER) 14 October 1969 Col. 1, lines 50-72, col. 2, lines 14-18, fig 2	1-5, 8, 10, 11-14
X	EP 0237259A (FINNIGAN CORPORATION) 16 September 1987 Abstract, col. 6, lines 17-36, 54-63, fig 5, 7	1-5, 8, 10, 11-14

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A	US 3410997A (BRUBAKER) 12 November 1968	

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Patent Document Cited in Search Report			Patent Family Member		
US	5939718	JP	10097838		
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(PCT Article 36 and Rule 70)

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V. Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement

1. Statement

Novelty (N)	Claims 1-14	YES
	Claims	NO
Inventive step (IS)	Claims 1-14	YES
	Claims	NO
Industrial applicability (IA)	Claims 1-14	YES
	Claims	NO

2. Citations and explanations (Rule 70.7)

The closest cited documents are: **D1: EP 237259**

D2: US 5939718

D3: US 3473020

D1 (for example in fig 5) discloses a mass spectrometer having ion source 11, first electrode (lens 16), second electrode in electrostatic sector 74, bent quadrupole 36 and linear quadrupole 26. The main differences between this citation and the mass spectrometer claimed are:

1. The bent quadrupole electrodes 36 are not stated to be fringe electrodes, and would not act as fringe electrodes because of an apertured plate between 36 and 26.
2. The bent quadrupole 36 and linear quadrupole 26 are located in *different* vacuum regions (see fig 2, which has like reference numerals to fig 5).
3. As a result of them being located in different vacuum regions, the linear quadrupole would not receive ions *directly* from the bent quadrupole.
4. The bent quadrupole electrodes are not stated to shield the linear quadrupole entrance.

D2 discloses a mass spectroscopic apparatus having bent ion beam guide 112 (figs 11, 12) which can be quadrupole (col 10 line 17), and linear quadrupole analyser 52. The claims are distinguished from this citation by similar differences as those for **D1**.

D3 shows a quadrupole mass filter having a curvilinear entrance section 28 and a rectilinear section 30, both in vacuum housing 40. Main differences from the present claims are:

1. The curvilinear electrodes are not stated to be fringe electrodes
2. No details are given of an ion optics system including first and second electrodes for diverting a beam of ions to separate neutral ions and photons.

Therefore the claims are novel and inventive and meet the requirements of Article 33(2)-(4).